



RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. Title and purpose of information collection: Employer Reporting; 3220-0005.

Under section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231h), and section 6 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) (45 U.S.C. 356), railroad employers are required to submit reports of employee service and compensation to the RRB as needed for administering the RRA and RUIA. To pay benefits due on a deceased employee's earnings records or determine entitlement to, and amount of annuity applied for, it is necessary at times to obtain from railroad employers current (lag) service and compensation not yet reported to the RRB through the annual reporting process. The reporting requirements are specified in 20 CFR 209.6 and 209.7.

The RRB currently utilizes the following forms to collect information to obtain the required lag service and related information from railroad employers: Form AA-12, *Notice of Death and*

Request for Service Needed for Eligibility, Form G-88A.1 (or its Internet equivalent, Form G-88A.1 (Internet)), *Request for Verification of Date Last Worked*, and Form G-88A.2 (or its Internet equivalent, Form G-88A.2 (Internet)), *Notice of Retirement and Request for Service Needed for Eligibility*. Form AA-12 obtains a report of lag service and compensation from the last railroad employer of a deceased employee. This report covers the lag period between the date of the latest record of employment processed by the RRB and the date an employee last worked, the date of death or the date the employee may have been entitled to benefits under the Social Security Act. The information is used by the RRB to determine benefits due on the deceased employee's earnings record. Form G-88A.1 is sent by the RRB via a computer-generated listing or transmitted electronically via the RRB's Employer Reporting System (ERS) to employers. ERS consists of a series of screens with completion instructions and collects essentially the same information as the approved manual version. Form G-88A.1 is used for the specific purpose of verifying information previously provided to the RRB regarding the date last worked by an employee. If the information is correct, the employer need not reply. If the information is incorrect, the employer is asked to provide corrected information. Form G-88A.2 is used by the RRB to secure lag service and compensation information when it is needed to determine benefit eligibility.

In addition, 20 CFR 209.12(b) requires all railroad employers to furnish the RRB with the home addresses of all employees hired within the last year (new-hires). Form BA-6a, *Form BA-6 Address Report* (or its Internet equivalent, Form BA-6a (Internet)) is used by the RRB to obtain home address information of employees from railroad employers who do not have the home address information computerized and who submit the information in a paper format. The form also serves as an instruction sheet to railroad employers who submit the information electronically by CD-ROM. Completion of the forms is mandatory. Multiple responses may be filed by respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (87 FR 42216 on July 14, 2022) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Employer Reporting.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0005.

Form(s) submitted: AA-12, G-88A.1, G-88A.1 (Internet), G-88A.2, G-88A.2 (Internet), BA-6a, BA-6a (Internet), and BA-6a (Email).

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private sector; businesses or other for-profits.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, railroad employers are required to report service and compensation for employees needed to determine eligibility to and the amounts of benefits paid.

Changes proposed: **The RRB proposes no changes to Forms AA-12, G-88A.1 (Internet), G-88A.2 (Internet), Form BA-6a (Internet), and Forms G-88A.1, G-88A.2 and BA-6a.**

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
AA-12	60	5	5
G-88A.1	100	5	8
G-88A.1 Internet	260	4	17
G-88A.1 Internet (Class 1 railroads)	144	16	38
G-88A.2	100	5	8
G-88A.2 (Internet)	1,200	2.5	50
BA-6a (CD-ROM)	14	15	4
BA-6a (E-mail)	30	15	8
BA-6a (File Transfer Protocol)	10	15	3
BA-6a Internet (RR initiated)	250	17	71
BA-6a Internet (RRB initiated)	250	12	50
BA-6a Paper (RR initiated)	80	32	43
BA-6a Paper (RRB initiated)	250	32	133
Total	2,748		438

2. Title and purpose of information collection: Survivor Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0032.

Under section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231e), benefits that may be due on the death of a railroad employee or a survivor annuitant include (1) a lump-sum death benefit

(2) a residual lump-sum payment (3) accrued annuities due but unpaid at death, and (4) monthly survivor insurance payments. The requirements for determining the entitlement of possible beneficiaries to these benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 234.

When the RRB receives notification of the death of a railroad employee or survivor annuitant, an RRB field office utilizes Form RL-94-F, Survivor Questionnaire, to secure additional information from surviving relatives needed to determine if any further benefits are payable under the RRA. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (87 FR 42217 on July 14, 2022) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Survivor Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0032.

Form(s) submitted: RL-94-F.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: Under section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits are payable to the survivors or the estates of deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains information used to determine if and to whom benefits are payable, such as a widow(er) due survivor benefits, an executor of the estate, or a payer of burial expenses.

Changes proposed: **The RRB proposes the following to Form RL-94-F:**

- On the cover page in the second paragraph: The address of the Department of the Treasury was updated to reflect the current mailing address.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
RL-94-F Items 5-10, and 18	50	9	8
RL-94-F, Items 5-18	5,000	11	917
RL-94-F, Item 18 only	400	5	34
Total	5,450		959

3. Title and Purpose of information collection: Request for Medicare Payment; OMB 3220-0131.

Under section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231f), the RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The collection obtains the information needed by Palmetto GBA, the Medicare carrier for railroad retirement beneficiaries, to pay claims for payments under part B of the Medicare program. Authority for collecting the information is prescribed in 42 CFR 424.32.

The RRB currently utilizes Forms G-740S, Patient's Request for Medicare Payment, along with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Form CMS-1500, to secure the information necessary to pay part B Medicare Claims. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is completed for each claim.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (87 FR 42218 on July 14, 2022) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Request for Medicare Payment.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0131.

Form(s) submitted: CMS-1500 and G-740S.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: The RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the Railroad Retirement System. The collection obtains the information

needed by Palmetto GBA, the RRB's carrier, to pay claims for services covered under part B of the program.

Changes proposed: **The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-740S.**

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: See Justification (Item No. 12).

Total annual responses: 1.

Total annual reporting hours: 1.

4. Title and purpose of information collection: Employer's Deemed Service Month

Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0156.

Section 3 (i) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231b), as amended by Pub .L. 98-76, provides that the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), under certain circumstances, may deem additional months of service in cases where an employee does not actually work in every month of the year, provided the employee satisfies certain eligibility requirements, including the existence of an employment relation between the employee and his or her employer. The procedures pertaining to the deeming of additional months of service are found in the RRB's regulations at 20 CFR 210, Creditable Railroad Service.

The RRB utilizes Form GL-99, Employer's Deemed Service Months Questionnaire, to obtain service and compensation information from railroad employers to determine if an employee can be credited with additional deemed months of railroad service. Completion is mandatory. One response is required for each RRB inquiry.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (87 FR 42218 on July 14, 2022) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Employer's Deemed Service Month Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0156.

Form(s) submitted: GL-99.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits.

Abstract: Under section 3(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the Railroad Retirement Board may deem months of service in cases where an employee does not actually work in every month of the year. The collection obtains service and compensation information from railroad employers needed to determine if an employee may be credited with additional months of railroad service.

Changes proposed: **The RRB proposes no changes to Form GL-99.**

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
GL-99	2,000	2	67

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Kennisha Tucker at (312) 469-2591 or Kennisha.Tucker@rrb.gov. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-1275 or Brian.Foster@rrb.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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